

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2002

Members in Attendance:

J. Richard Lilly, MD - Chair
Martin D. Abeloff, MD
Albert A. Blumberg, MD
Katherine P. Farrell, MD, MPH
John Groopman, Ph.D.
Phillip Heard, MD, MPH
Carlessia Hussein, Dr.PH
Charles Leiss – represented by Alva Hutchison
David Ramsay, DM, D. Phil – represented by Dr. Mary Leach
Susan Scherr
Sanford Stass, MD
Diana Ulman
Constance Unseld, M.Ed. – represented by Jennie Lillian

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Regina el Arculli, MA
Donna Cox, M.Ed.
Lynn Khoo, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Roger Harrell, MHA – excused
Nathaniel McFadden
Edward Miller, MD - excused
Hon. Joan Pitkin

Guests:

Uma Ahluwalia – State House
Toni Brafa-Fooksman - DHMH/BCCP
Donna Gugel – DHMH/BCCP
Norma Kanerak – JHU/SPH
Doug Kaplan - DHMH/BCCP
Abby Karlsen – Komen Foundation
Julia Mitchner - DHMH/BCCP
Stacey Neloms – DHMH/ Cancer Registry
Robin Prothro – Komen Foundation
Ida Samet – Sinai Hospital
Karie Watson - DHMH/BCCP

Staff:

Marsha Bienia, MBA
Bowie Little-Downs, MHA
Kate Shockley
Robert Villanueva, MPA

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Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2002
Columbia, MD**

Call to Order: 9:42am

Approval of January 11, 2002 Minutes: Approved unanimously

Announcements:

1. New Executive Order is moving through the appropriate channels and is now under review at DHMH.
2. Annual Report has been distributed to all members.
3. Next Council meeting will be on June 14. Robert will be absent.
4. Annual Retreat will be moved from June to the December meeting to get on a calendar year schedule. Approved unanimously.

Cigarette Restitution Fund Update: by Dr. Hussein

- Escrow funds were returned following the agreement between Mr. Angelos and the Governor.
- Steps are being taken to move these funds into the budget and then disperse them to the LHD's to fill the deferrals.
- CRFP Mouse Pads were distributed to the Council.
- Minority Outreach & Technical Assistance (MOTA) Newsletter was dispersed to members.
- Dr. Blumberg gave Dr. Hussein a copy of a proposal drafted by the Heart & Lung Association to the Baltimore City Health Department that was denied and also never seen by the City health coalition for further consideration.
- Dr. Farrell noted that often proposals are denied because measurable goals and objectives have not been identified in the plan.
- Dr. Lilly asked that a representative of those receiving the media contract be invited to share their progress and campaign plan with the Council at the June meeting. Robert Villanueva was instructed to invite the vendor on behalf of the Council.

Comprehensive Cancer Plan: by Kate Shockley

- Robert introduced Kate Shockley, Cancer Plan Coordinator, who gave an overview of her career prior to coming to DHMH.
- Kate provided a brief overview of the progress to date in developing the sub-committees and meeting status. A handout was placed in member folders.
- Kate passed around a sample binder that sub-committee members will receive.

- Dr. Hussein asked about addressing disparities within the plan. Kate indicated that disparities would be addressed within a separate chapter as well as throughout the individual sections. Dr. Hussein volunteered to work on this issue.
- Bowie addressed the program overview of the Consensus Conference for October 16, 2002—noting that the registration is FREE and will be taken online and by phone. Accommodations have been secured at Martin's West in Baltimore.

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update: by Dr. Farrell

- A recommendation for award was submitted to DHMH Office of Contracts Policy & Procurement. Specifics should be worked out by March 2002.
- The CDC's National Program for Cancer Registries selected to audit the MCR in June 2002. The audit will focus on completeness and quality of data.
- CRT review courses in March 2002.
- The MCR is providing technical assistance and program evaluation to facilities upon request.
- Discussion of Public Use Data Sets to focus on confidentiality
- Presentation on Quality of Use
- The MCR is seeking input by those using the data as opposed to those recording it to get a full perspective of its usefulness.

Legislative Committee Update: By Dr. Blumberg

- Handout in member's folders.
- CareFirst was an issue carefully followed.
- Tobacco Tax is being raised.
- Angelos fee resolution was a relief.
- Statewide Comprehensive Youth Access Law was removed.

The meeting was adjourned to a Special Session concerning the recent Mammography Debate in the press. Dr's Katherine Helzsouer of Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health and Wendie Berg of the University of Maryland made presentations to the Council.

After some open discussion the Council agreed to issue a statement in support of the NCI's position. It was noted among the group that while mammography isn't the only screening method available and perhaps not always the best option for all circumstances, it is the most efficacious option in terms of broad-spectrum public health, access, availability and reimbursement.